

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JANUARY 27th, 1948.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland, on Tuesday, January 27th, 1948.

There were present:

Wm. Preston Lane, Jr., Governor  
James J. Lacy, Comptroller  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer

In the absence of Mr. Kirkman, Mr. James G. Rennie, Chief of the Budget Bureau of the Department of Budget & Procurement, attended the meeting.

Mr. John B. Funk, Chief Engineer of Maryland, also attended the meeting.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meetings of December 9, 1947, and January 6, 1948, copies of which had been sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

A delegation representing the farmers and food packers of the State, along with Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, and Dr. Ernest N. Cory, State Entomologist, appeared before the Board and submitted a statement covering a request for additional money to supplement the appropriations in the budget of the University of Maryland covering the work of retarding the spread of the damage being done to crops by Japanese Beetles and Corn-borers.

Dr. Cory stated, at length, the problems being faced by the growers and canners of the food products and urged that some further remedial work be done promptly to prevent the spread of this damage and very serious injury to the farming and canning interests in the State. A number of others of those present expressed their views to the Board and all urged that the State cooperate with the University of Maryland and the local authorities in the counties in doing what is necessary to remedy the bad conditions which exist at this time and which it is expected will grow worse if some further steps are not taken at once to prevent it.

After listening to the representations made by the various speakers and obtaining from them information which the Board members requested through questioning, the Board advised the delegation that it was entirely sympathetic with the problems confronting them and would comply with the request that the additional moneys set forth in a statement submitted by Dr. Cory be made available from the General Emergency Fund.

The several items and amounts allocated for them are as follows:-

To the budget of the University of Maryland-Division of Educational Programs and Procedures- Experiment Station, Item 8-a "European Corn-borer Research" - \$8,000.00		\$8,000.
To the budget of the University of Maryland-Division of Educational Programs and Procedures- Extension Service:		
Item 14 "Japanese Beetle Control" - \$14,000.00		14,000.
Item 26 "European Corn-borer Control" - \$18,000.00		18,000.
Total -		\$40,000.

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL:

Dr. R. B. May, Superintendent, and Mr. Ralph H. Grier, member of the Board of Managers, of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, appeared before the Board and urged that the Board make available the necessary funds to permit the hospital to restore to the plans for the barn to be erected at the institution that part which had been eliminated in the revision of the plans in order to bring the cost of the building within the amount of money available at that time.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter, it was decided that before any

further consideration could be given to restoring the plans to the original form and permitting the additional construction, Dr. George H. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, should be consulted as to the policy to be followed by the mental institutions in the matter of furnishing milk to the patients at the institutions. That is, whether the State would produce its own milk or purchase it from outside sources. The difficulties encountered in obtaining the necessary help - both as to patient help and outside help - for the institutions were discussed and it was admitted by Dr. May that it was not possible to count on having sufficient help from patient inmates and that later it would be necessary for most of the help necessary in operating the barn to be obtained from outside sources. It was stated that one of the reasons why the size of the barn had been reduced at the time of revision of the plans was that it would be some time before the herd of cows would be large enough to require the use of the barn as then planned, and that in the meantime it might be desired to discontinue the policy of the institutions of producing milk and therefore make the enlargement of the barn unnecessary.

As it seemed to be impossible to decide what the future policy would be and as it was felt necessary that Dr. Preston should be consulted and his views obtained in this matter, no action was taken upon the request for the enlargement of the barn at this time. It was stated, however, that if the size of the herd was not to be increased appreciably, the barn, according to present plans, would be large enough so that the two additional rooms which the proposed addition to the barn would give and the stairway to the second floor could be supplied out of space at one end of the barn under the present plans.

This matter will be given some consideration in connection with the discussion of it with Dr. Preston.

Dr. May and Mr. Grier also took up with the Board the question of entering into an agreement with the State Roads Commission for the use of a parcel of ground belonging to the hospital for the construction of a building by the State Roads Commission to be used for the purposes of the Commission, in return for which the Commission would provide or reconstruct a road at the institution.

After a discussion of this matter, it was felt that since some legal implications were involved, it would be desirable to discuss this matter with the Attorney General so that the Board would be able to know whether it would be in order to authorize the hospital to enter into such an arrangement with the State Roads Commission.

#### MARYLAND PENITENTIARY:

Mr. Reuben Oppenheimer, Director of the Department of Correction, Mr. Harold E. Donnell, Superintendent of Prisons, and Col. Edwin T. Swenson, Warden of the Maryland Penitentiary, appeared before the Board and called attention to the fact that the Maryland Penitentiary, in its present condition, is outmoded, unsafe, and exposes the State and citizens to criticism not only because of lack of proper facilities but because of the possibility of escapes due to lack of full protection which is not afforded by the present buildings and wall around the institution.

After reviewing the several items which the gentlemen appearing before the Board indicated should receive prompt consideration, the cost of which would run into the neighborhood of \$250,000, it was agreed that Mr. Funk would confer with Mr. Oppenheimer, Mr. Donnell, and Col. Swenson and go over the situation, with a view to making a complete report to the Board as to what should be done about the matter at this time.

#### MILITARY DEPARTMENT:

Major General Milton A. Reckord, The Adjutant General, appeared before the Board to discuss his plans for armory construction, and repairs and improvements to armories throughout the State, and also his request that the Military Department take over, in its entirety, the maintenance of the three military establishments in the State in connection with which the Federal Government has been supplying directly a good part of the maintenance. The three es-

establishments are: Camp Ritchie, the Airfield in Baltimore, and the Pikesville Armory.

As to the proposal of the War Department that the State take over, in its entirety the maintenance of these establishments, it is proposed that the State assume the expense of maintaining these establishments with the understanding that the War Department will reimburse the State to the extent of 75% of all money expended for maintenance, including that part of the maintenance which the State has been furnishing in the past and will continue to furnish in the future. General Reckord stated that the arrangement would be retroactive to July 1, 1947, as to the maintenance which the State has furnished since that date; and that in the course of the year, through reimbursement to the State from the War Department of 75% of the full maintenance which the State has been paying to its own personnel, less the 25% the State would be paying in the case of the personnel it takes over, the State would stand to profit approximately \$25,000 in the period of a year.

The Board approved General Reckord's request, and also approved the request which includes the carrying over at the end of the fiscal year of any net gain which is to be derived from the new plan for maintaining these establishments so that it will be available to the Military Department for such uses as will be approved in the usual manner.

As to the use of the \$75,000 for which General Reckord requested authority at the meeting of January 6, 1948, Mr. Funk submitted, on his agenda for today's meeting, a break-down showing the use to be made of the \$75,000 for repairs and alterations, etc. at the various armories throughout the State, during the fiscal year 1948.

The Board approved this statement with the understanding that all bids for the work to be done would be cleared through the Department of Public Improvements in the manner indicated by the Board at a previous meeting.

General Reckord also took up with the Board his request of January 24th, 1948, for permission to use certain insurance funds of \$6,974.67 received for construction and repairs at Camp Ritchie, for alterations and repairs to armories throughout the State. It was stated that federal funds have been secured to supplement State funds for construction and maintenance at Camp Ritchie, but that these funds cannot be used for ordinary repairs and alterations at the armories throughout the State, and that by using these federal funds at Camp Ritchie the insurance funds would not be necessary.

The Board approved General Reckord's request and authorized the use of the insurance funds of \$6,974.67 together with the \$75,000 made available to the department from the General Construction Loan of 1947.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Mr. Funk advised the Board that the State Law Department had prepared a contract to be executed in connection with the construction of Women's Dormitories #2 and #3 at the University of Maryland, College Park, by the contractors, the Burnap-Owens Construction Company, Inc., and the State. A copy of this contract was turned over to the Secretary for the files of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Funk called attention to a provision of the contract covering an option to the owner to reinstate construction of the South Wing of Dormitory #3, at column lines 53, 12, and 38, in the amount of \$87,213.00, thereby increasing the contract price of \$604,156.00 to \$691,369.00. Under the contract, the Burnap-Owens Construction Co., Inc. is to receive a flat fee of \$35,000, which amount is included in the contract price.

The Board stated that no action was to be taken by the University of Maryland in connection with the restoration of this elimination without the school first having obtained from the Board the necessary authority to do so.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a bill which was forwarded to the Comptroller's Office by the Department of Budget and Procurement from the Williams Construction Company in the amount of \$9,315.90, in connection with an order which that company had received from the University of Maryland for clearing, grading and gravel surface of parking area and entrance in accordance with an agreement dated October 3, 1947, this bill representing Estimate #1 of the contract. The Board was advised that it had not authorized the University of Maryland to enter into this contract.

After due discussion of the matter, it was felt that while the proper procedure had not been followed by the University in this matter, apparently the work was done after bids had been received and it had been determined that the Williams Construction Company was the low bidder and entitled to the contract for the work. Under the circumstances it was decided that the bill be approved for payment from the current budget of the University and that the matter of this work be referred to Mr. Funk so that he might make some investigation as to the contract, the work to be done, etc., and submit a report regarding same to the Board at the next meeting.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated January 26, 1948 received from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, in reply to a letter which Dr. Byrd had received from the Secretary of the Board of Public Works under date of January 20, 1948, in which Dr. Byrd was advised as to the construction of the heating plant at College Park.

In his letter, Dr. Byrd stated that he did not believe it was the intention of the Board of Public Works that a representative of the Department of Public Improvements would have to be present at the opening of all bids, as some of these will be for small amounts, in all probability, and would hardly be worthwhile for important officials to give much time to.

After considering what Dr. Byrd had to say, and also the views expressed by The State Law Department in its letter dated January 20, 1948, to Dr. Byrd that under Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1947 the Department of Public Improvements is directed to supervise all "public improvements", which term includes construction, maintenance and repair of any and every building structure, or other public work, the Board felt that this was a matter which Mr. Funk would have to work out with Dr. Byrd so that the requirements in the law relating to the Department of Public Improvements would be complied with.

#### CONSTRUCTION:

Crownsville State Hospital - Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement the Board approved the award of the following contracts -

John Hoos, for kitchen equipment	\$2,527.50
F. A. Davis, for kitchen equipment	634.95
Keystone Engineering Co., for installation of kitchen equipment	5,901.00
	<u>\$9,063.45,</u>

payable from the General Construction Loan of 1947 appropriation for Deferred Maintenance, \$6,000 detailed item for Electrification of Central Kitchen and \$5,000 item for Improvements and Retiling of Kitchen Floor.

Montrose School for Girls - Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement the Board approved the award of contract for a coal conveyor to -

McCall Boykin \$785.00,

payable from the General Construction Loan of 1947 appropriation for Deferred Maintenance - \$700 detailed item for Conveyor for Unloading Coal and \$6500 item for Increase Capacity of Existing Cold Storage.

Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium - Sabillasville - Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement the Board approved the award of a contract to -

F. A. Davis Company, for potato peeler \$490.00

payable from the General Construction Loan of 1947 appropriation for Replacement of Laundry and Kitchen Equipment, Sabillasville - \$6,000.

Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium - Sabillasville - Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement the Board approved the award of contract to American Laundry Machinery Company for 2 Laundry Drying Tumblers in the amount of \$970.00, payable from the appropriation for Replacement of Laundry and Kitchen Equipment-Sabillasville-\$6,000 in the General Construction Loan of 1947.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement the Board approved for payment invoice of Griffenhagen & Associates, dated January 13, 1948, in the amount of \$4,080.00, for services rendered the Department of Motor Vehicles through January 5, 1948, in accordance with the agreement previously approved by the Board.

#### LEASES:

Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement the Board approved execution of the following leases.

- Comptroller of the Treasury - month-to-month occupancy of portion of the basement of the Dundalk Building, Dundalk, at \$75.00 per month, from June 1, 1947, until space on the second floor of the building is ready for occupancy, when a lease will be submitted.
- State Department of Education - Vocational Rehabilitation Division, for 2 months and 17 days from January 1, 1948 of 100 square feet additional space at Bond and Calvert Streets, Salisbury, Maryland, at \$300 per annum. Upon the expiration of this lease, the space will be consolidated with the present space under one lease at the rate of \$2.27 per square foot, payable from Federal funds.
- Maryland State Police - endorsement transferring lease, dated December 18, 1944, between Col. E. Austin Baughman, lessor, and the United States of America, lessee, to the State of Maryland for the use of the Department of Maryland State Police, for a period of one year from October 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$360.00.
- Board of Public Works - Davison Chemical Company, Suite 101 of Davison Building, effective January 12, 1948, on a month-to-month basis, at a rental of \$400 per month, for the use of the State Fuel Co-ordinator.
- University of Maryland - renewal of leases for Rooms 813-816 and 823-825 Fidelity Building, Baltimore, for one year from March 1, 1948, at an annual rental of \$5,693.75.

The Board also approved cancellation of the leases for the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland and the Board of Trustees of the Treachers' Retirement System of Maryland as of November 30, 1947, for their former space in the Lexington Building, Baltimore. These agencies are now located at 31 Light Street, Baltimore, under a lease previously approved by the Board.

#### STATE PROPERTY:

Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement the Board approved disposal of the following property of State Agencies:

Cheltenham School for Boys	\$100.00
Clerk of Circuit Court-Wicomico County	120.00
Clerk of Circuit Court-Worcester County	45.00
Maryland House of Correction	232.60
Morgan State College	500.00
State Department of Public Welfare	40.00
Maryland State Reformatory for Males	375.00
Register of Wills-Washington County	27.75
State Roads Commission	11,415.00
Springfield State Hospital	70.00

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Maryland Training School for Boys	\$690.00
Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium-Mt. Wilson Branch	550.00
University Hospital	55.00
State Use Industries	100.00
Total	<u>\$14,320.35.</u>

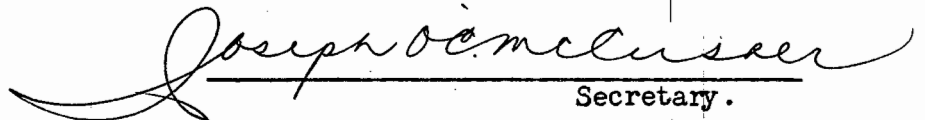
POST WAR CONSTRUCTION FUND:

The Board approved payment of the following items from the Post War Construction Fund made by the State Comptroller since the last meeting of the Board.

Solomons Base	\$1,006.08
Department of Motor Vehicles	13,866.79
Deer's Head State Hospital	43,308.81
Montrose School for Girls	102.90
Cheltenham School for Boys	5,250.00
University of Maryland	<u>31,630.85</u>
Total	\$95,165.43.

ADJOURNMENT:

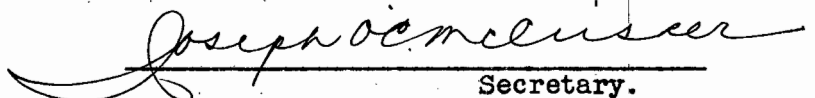
The meeting was adjourned until 2:00 p.m. February 3, 1948, when the Board will meet in the offices of the Governor, Davison Building, Baltimore.

  
Secretary.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

The Governor discussed with the Board the matter of setting up an office for the State Fuel Co-Ordinator in connection with the fuel shortage existing at this time, and advised that he had appointed Judge Emory H. Niles to this position. The Governor stated that he had had the Department of Budget and Procurement arrange for office space for Judge Niles in the Davison Building, Baltimore, in which to take care of this work.

After a discussion of this matter, it was agreed to take care of the expenses of this work out of the General Emergency Fund of 1948 and an estimated amount of \$15,000 was agreed upon as the probable cost of the work.

  
Secretary.